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SUBJECT: ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

FOR AMBASSADOR UNGER

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HAS REQUESTED ACCESS TO THREE STATE DEPARTMENT CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS FOR MR. LEONARD B. BOUDIN AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. MR. BOUDIN IS CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR MSGT. RAYMOND G. DE CHAMPLAIN WHO IS TO BE RETIRED BY COURT-MARTIAL ON CHARGES RELATED TO HIS ALLEGED COPYING OF CLASSIFIED USGOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS WITH THE INTENTION OF DELIVERING THEM TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE THREE STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS WILL BE AMONG THOSE INTRODUCED IN EVIDENCE AT THE TRIAL.

ACCESS TO THE DOCUMENTS WILL BE GRANTED ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- A) THE DOCUMENTS MAY NOT BE RELEASED TO MR. BOUDIN.
- B) HE MAY SEE AND READ THE DOCUMENTS ONLY IN THE PRESENCE OF ONE HOLDING THE APPROPRIATE SECURITY CLEARANCE.

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- C) HE MAY NOT MAKE COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS.

D) NO WRITTEN NOTES MADE BY HIM WITH RESPECT TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENTS WILL BE REMOVED FROM AIR FORCE CONTROL.

E) HE WILL BE ADVISED OF APPLICABLE LAWS AND PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

MR. BOUDIN AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WHO WILL BE GRANTED ACCESS TO THE DOCUMENTS ARE PRESENTLY UNDERGOING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS.

2. ONE OF THE THREE STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS INVOLVED IS A MEMORANDUM OF A CONVERSATION WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 9, 1971, BETWEEN YOU, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE SEAMANS, AND OTHERS. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE 1) US MILITARY FORCE STRUCTURE IN FY-72 AND BEYOND, 2) STFD, RTAF PLANNING, 3) COBRA TALON, 4) SOFA, AND 5) DRUGS. IT IS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST MSGT. DE CHAMPLAIN, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE DEFENSE COULD CHALLENGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE DOCUMENTS AND, IN THE CASE OF THE TOP SECRET MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION, YOU COULD THEREBY BECOME INVOLVED. WE ARE AGREEABLE TO ALLOWING THE AIR FORCE TO GRANT MR. BOUDIN ACCESS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS BUT BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OUTLINED ABOVE WE REQUEST THAT YOU REVIEW YOUR COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM AND SEND US YOUR COMMENTS, IF ANY, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE SHOULD RECEIVE QUICKLY WHATEVER COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE SINCE THE AIR FORCE IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO BRING DE CHAMPLAIN TO TRIAL SOON. RUSH

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